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Applicant : David Allison Bennett, et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 140 S. Lake Ave., Suite 312 Pasadena, CA 91101-4710 August 31, 2006

Commissioner:

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In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006, which was designated a final rejection, regarding the above-identified application, a Request for Continued Examination and the associated fee are submitted herewith, and reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month and the associated fee are filed concurrently herewith. A one-month extension is appropriate because this Amendment and Response is filed within the one-month time period following the three-month period set by the Examiner because it is filed before the expiration of September 5, 2006, which is the first business day following the September 4, 2006 (which is the 2006 Labor Day holiday) four-month due date.

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u> that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 27 of this paper.